

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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| Investigator: Frank Montgoris | Team: Squad #13 | CCRB Case #: 201707555 | <input type="checkbox"/> Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Discourt. | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> O.L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Injury |
| Incident Date(s) Friday, 08/25/2017 7:20 AM | Location of Incident: § 87(2)(b); 115th Precinct stationhouse | Precinct: 115 | 18 Mo. SOL 2/25/2019 | EO SOL 2/25/2019 | |
| Date/Time CV Reported Wed, 09/13/2017 2:30 PM | CV Reported At: Precinct | How CV Reported: In-person | Date/Time Received at CCRB Thu, 09/14/2017 10:03 AM | | |

| Complainant/Victim | Type | Home Address |
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| § 87(2)(b) | § 87(2)(b) | § 87(2)(b) |

| Witness(es) | Home Address |
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| Subject Officer(s) | Shield | TaxID | Command |
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| 1. DT3 Christophe Bethell | 1615 | 933640 | WARRSEC |
| 2. DT3 Victor Sadarangani | 7862 | 934143 | WARRSEC |

| Witness Officer(s) | Shield No | Tax No | Cmd Name |
|------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 1. DT2 Anthony Pascal | 06785 | 899698 | 115 DET |
| 2. DT2 Gerard Coughlin | 00268 | 885451 | 115 DET |
| 3. LT Steven Weiss | 00000 | 924615 | 115 DET |
| 4. POM Scott Fisher | 18234 | 923826 | WARRSEC |

| Officer(s) | Allegation | Investigator Recommendation |
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| A.DT3 Victor Sadarangani | Abuse: In the vicinity of § 87(2)(b), in Queens, Detective Victor Sadarangani made a sexually suggestive remark to § 87(2)(b) | § 87(2)(b) |
| B.DT3 Victor Sadarangani | Abuse: In the vicinity of the 115th Precinct stationhouse, Detective Victor Sadarangani propositioned § 87(2)(b) | § 87(2)(b) |
| § 87(4-b) § 87(2)(g) | § 87(2)(b) | § 87(2)(b) |

Case Summary

§ 87(2)(b) filed this complaint in-person at the 115th Precinct stationhouse on September 13, 2017. The CCRB received this case on September 14, 2017.

On August 25, 2017, at approximately 7:20 a.m., Det. Victor Sadarangani and Det. Christopher Bethell from the Queens Warrant Squad, arrived at § 87(2)(b)'s apartment located at § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b), in Queens, in regards to a probable cause I-Card for grand larceny in the fourth degree. Det. Sadarangani allegedly made sexually suggestive remarks towards § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) (**Allegation A: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g)). In the vicinity of the 115th Precinct stationhouse, Det. Sadarangani allegedly propositioned § 87(2)(b) (**Allegation B: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g)). No arrests or summonses resulted from this incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A – Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of § 87(2)(b), in Queens, Detective Victor Sadarangani made a sexually suggestive remark to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation B – Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of the 115th Precinct stationhouse, Detective Victor Sadarangani propositioned § 87(2)(b)

It is undisputed that Det. Sadarangani and Det. Bethell picked up § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) a person of interest for an unrelated case, and brought them to the 115th Precinct stationhouse. It is also undisputed that Det. Sadarangani asked § 87(2)(b) for her phone number during the incident. It is further undisputed that the detectives' other partner, PO Scott Fisher, was in the police vehicle at the time of the alleged suggestive remark, and would not have heard the statement.

§ 87(2)(b) alleged that, after agreeing to go to the stationhouse with the detectives in regards to the I-Card, Det. Sadarangani told her she was "very beautiful" while walking to the officers' vehicle. Later, while walking into the stationhouse, Det. Sadarangani asked her for her phone number (Board Review 01).

§ 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b)'s friend and former roommate who provided a phone statement to the CCRB, was not present at § 87(2)(b)'s apartment or at the time § 87(2)(b) was walked into the stationhouse, and could not provide testimony to either of these allegations (Board Review 02).

§ 87(2)(b) denied hearing Det. Sadarangani comment on § 87(2)(b)'s physical appearance, and denied hearing Det. Sadarangani ask § 87(2)(b) for her phone number (Board Review 11).

Det. Sadarangani denied calling § 87(2)(b) "very beautiful," and denied having any conversation regarding her physical appearance. He testified that he asked for § 87(2)(b)'s phone number, along with her address and other contact information, as protocol in the event he received any future I-Cards for her so he would have it on file. However, § 87(2)(b) denied having any contact information, and Det. Sadarangani noted this in his DD5s (Board Review 03).

DD5s generated by Det. Sadarangani for this incident state that § 87(2)(b) denied having any contact information (Board Review 06).

Det. Bethell denied hearing Det. Sadarangani call § 87(2)(b) "very beautiful," and denied that any conversation took place regarding her physical appearance. Det. Bethell denied hearing Det. Sadarangani ask for § 87(2)(b)'s phone number (Board Review 04).

Det. Coughlin was not present for any interaction between Det. Sadarangani and § 87(2)(b) prior to her being inside of the stationhouse, and therefore could not provide testimony to either of these allegations (Board Review 05).

§ 87(2)(g)

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§ 87(4-b) § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- This complaint was not suitable for mediation.
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
- As of October 31, 2017, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regards to this complaint (See IAs).

Civilian and Subject Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which [§ 87(2)(b)] has been a party (Board Review 10).
- Det. Sadarangani has been a member-of-service for 14 years and has been a subject in two CCRB complaints and three allegations, of which one was substantiated:
 - Case #201401217 involved a substantiated allegation of premises entered and/or searched. The Board recommended charges, and the NYPD imposed charges. Det. Sadarangani was found guilty, and forfeited seven vacation days.
- Det. Bethell has been a member-of-service for 14 years and has been a subject in four CCRB complaints and five allegations, none of which were substantiated. [§ 87(2)(g)]

Squad No.: 13

Investigator: _____
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Squad Leader: _____
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Reviewer: _____
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